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G.O. No. 1498 W., 11th Novembe...

Opal Nayak's bunk in the Tanjore palace buildings

Granting — to the Tanjore District Board for the location of the combined offices of the District Board and the District Board Engineer on certain conditions.

READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 251 W., dated 18th February 1918.

II

Letter—from J. R. HUGGINS, Esq., I.C.S., President of the Tanjore District Board.
To—the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department (through the Collector and Government Agent, Tanjore).
Dated—the 24th September 1918.
No.—R.C. 226-G./D.B. of 1917.

With reference to G.O. Mis. No. 251 W., dated 18th February 1918, directing the execution of certain repairs and improvements to Opal Nayak's bunk allotted for the accommodation of the combined offices of the District Board and the District Board Engineer, I have the honour to state that the Executive Engineer, Cauvery division, forwarded an estimate for Rs. 12,450 for the improvements and a data statement for the calculation of the rent. According to his data the rent to be levied was fixed at Rs. 216 a month as calculated below :—

	Rs.
Cost of the old building	34,744
Improvements	12,450
Total ...	47,194
Rent per annum at 3½ per cent on the capital cost of Rs. 47,194 for interest	1,652
Rent per annum on ordinary annual repairs at 1½ per cent ...	708
Rent per annum on special repairs at ½ per cent	236
Total rent per year ...	2,596

(monthly rent Rs. 2,596/12 or Rs. 216).

When the subject came up before the District Board at its meeting held on 10th August 1918, the Board resolved that a rent of Rs. 216 was prohi... the rent paid at present for the Sankara Vilas buildings being only Rs. 20 ...t was prepared to pay a rent of Rs. 60 for the Opal Nayak's bunk for b and not more. I may point out that, if the rent is calculated on improvements alone, viz., Rs. 12,450 at 6 per cent it comes to or Having regard to the fact that the old building which is now negle siderably improved and kept in a better state of preservation by be District Board requests that Government will be pleased not to ch value of the original structure but only on the cost of the impro therefore the honour to request that Government will be pleased tc to occupy the building for its own office and that of the District B a rent of Rs. 62-4-0 per mensem.

...d 10th August 1918, ...,
... ...th September 1918, the estimate,
a statement and the marginally-noted
plans are enclosed for favour of reference.

ENCLOSURE

Report to accompany the estimate for 'improvements to the Opal Nayak's bunk to accommodate the District Board and District Board Engineer's offices.

	Rs.
Amount of estimate	12,800

The District Board office and the District Board Engineer's offices, Tanjore, are now located in the Sankara vilas buildings of the Tanjore palace. These buildings are proposed to be handed over to the Educational Department for a training school for mistresses.

2. To accommodate the above two offices it is proposed to improve the Opal Nayak's bunk on the northern side of the palace. This has been approved by Government in G.O. Mis. No. 1067 L., dated 24th July 1917.

3. The plans of the buildings (C. Nos. 170/17 and 170/A–17) are enclosed. The bunk proper consists of a massive domed structure marked H, KLM on the plan C. No. 170/17. This measures 183′ 6″ × 68′ 6″ inside of walls. The domes are 21′ 6″ above floor level and the masonry of the roofing is 2′ 0″ thick.

4. Besides the above, there is annexe NPQRSTU which has a floor area of 2,613 square feet. This portion also has domed roofing. On the eastern side of the bunk are tiled sheds. These are now in a bad state of repairs. These will be useful for tiffin rooms when repaired. On the northern side and in the front of the bunk is an open ground 600 feet square. This is also shown on the plan C. No. 176/17. This open space communicates on the north and east by two main gates with the main road.

5. Originally almost all the arches were blocked up by mud walls. These have been mostly opened out and there is generally plenty of light over a major portion of the buildings. A passage runs right through in the centre of the bunk and it becomes unnecessary. It is proposed that the front and rear arches at X′ Y′ may be closed up with iron barred shutters and the passage left at its present level as shown in the elevation map (C. No. 170–A/17).

6. Portions of the buildings have to be conserved. They are—

(1) Portion XYZ and the temple shown to the left of it.

(2) Portion QRS with the temple on the right.

(3) The south-west corner room of the annexe (marked V) in the plan C. No. 170/17. This contains the painting of Raja Sivaji on the wall.

7. The annexe NPQRSTU has to be treated as a separate block and will have a new entrance through the room R′ as the present entrance through the temple has to be closed.

8. The police guard room marked Q on the plan on the right side of the southern end of the passage will be shifted to another building known as 'Yagasalai' as the passage through the bunk will be closed. The position of this 'Yagasalai' is shown in plan C.A. No. 170/17.

9. There is an opening marked DB in the wall inside the tiled block on the right of the bunk. Through this dead bodies are at present carried out of the palace. Another opening should be made outside the block if the palace inmates object to take them along the new road-way. In place of the central passage through the bunk which is proposed to be closed as explained in paragraph 5 supra, a new road-way will be formed as shown in plan C. No.176/17.

10. This estimate provides for the following works:—

(*a*) Provision of a pakka floor with concrete and cement plastering to the bunk. At prese... it has a mud floor at different levels as shown in plan C. No. 170/17. These levels will be... ...ned as far as is necessary. The eastern portion of the bunk is higher in level. If it ... the level of the other portion it will make the floor 4 feet lower than that of the ...he east of it and it may also affect the stability of the structure.

...rch openings will be closed with iron barred frames on the outside and glazed ... essary doors fixed on them on the inside, as shown in detailed plan C. No. 51/ ... is to allow as much light as possible into the bunk at the same time preventing ... g inside.

... doors and windows will be provided in the places marked in plan C. ...

...iling will be painted with zinc white paint and all walls will be whitewashed ... improve the lighting effect. Wherever the existing plaster has crumbled by ...astering will be done.

...ing the tiled room on the eastern sides into tiffin rooms with necessary repairs

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11. As far

21*st November* 1919. *Executive*

E.C. No. 71 *Agy. of* 1915, *dated* 1*st October* 1918.

Forwarded and recommended.

J. R. HUGGINS,
Government Agent, Tanjore.

III

Memorandum No. 6421-1 L., dated 23rd November 1918.

The rent proposed by the District Board for the occupation of the Opal Nayak's bunk is not sufficient to cover the estimated annual charges for maintenance and repairs (ordinary and special) which amount to Rs. 944 per annum. The President is requested to report whether the District Board is willing to meet at least the maintenance charges to be actually incurred every year on the building which will be maintained by Government.

(By order)

L. A. CAMMIADE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the President of the Tanjore District Board.

IV

Letter—from J. R. HUGGINS, Esq., I.C.S., President, District Board, Tanjore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.
Dated—the 26th December 1918.
No.—R.C. 226-G/D.B. of 1917.

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 6421–1 L., dated 23rd November 1918, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of District Board's Resolution No. 20, dated 20th December 1918, expressing its willingness to pay a rent to the extent of Rs. 944 per annum for the occupation of the Opal Nayak's bunk by the combined offices.

ENCLOSURE

Extract from the Proceedings of the Tanjore District Board, dated the 20*th December* 1918.

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Read Government Memorandum No. 6421–1 L., dated 23rd November 1918, stating that the rent proposed by the District Board for the occupation of the Opal Nayak's bunk by the District Board and District Board Engineer's offices is not sufficient to cover the estimated annual charges for maintenance and repairs which amount to Rs. 944 per annum and requesting to report whether the District Board is willing to meet at least the maintenance charges to be actually incurred every year.

Resolution No. 20.—The Board is willing to pay a rent to the extent of Rs. 944 per annum.

V

Memorandum No. 570-1 L., dated 12th February 1919.

With reference to the correspondence ending with letter No. 226-G., dated 26th December 1918, from the President, District Board, Tanjore, regarding the rent of Opal Nayak's bunk, the President is requested to report whether the D Board is willing to pay the maintenance and repair charges (including the of municipal taxes, etc.) to be actually incurred every year on the buildi will be maintained by Government. (The 'charges' here referred to ar expenditure that will be incurred annually on maintenance and repai execution of the repairs and improvements contemplated in G.O. No. 25 18th February 1918).

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L. A. CAMMIADE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the President of the Tanjore District Board.
Copy to the Public Works Department.

VI

Letter—from J. R. HUGGINS, Esq., I.C.S., President, District Board, Tanjore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.
Dated—the 25th March 1919.
No.—R.C. 226-G/D.B. of 1917.

With reference to memorandum No. 570-1 L., dated 12th February 1919, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of District Board's Resolution No. 34, dated 21st March 1919, agreeing to the conditions laid down by the Government. The District Board, however, requests that the three months' notice for the surrender of the building be extended to six months as three months is considered too short a period to enable the Board to find another building for its office.

ENCLOSURE

Extract from the Proceedings of the Tanjore District Board, dated the 21st March 1919.

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Read (1) District Board's Resolution No. 20, dated 20th December 1918, agreeing to pay a rent to the extent of Rs. 944 per annum for the Opal Nayak's bunk proposed to be occupied by the District Board and the District Board Engineer's offices.

(2) Government Memorandum No. 570-1 L., dated 12th February 1919, requesting to report

(i) whether the District Board is willing to pay the maintenance and repair charges (including the payment of municipal taxes, etc.) to be actually incurred every year on the building which will be maintained by Government.

(ii) whether it agrees to relinquish the building to Government if and when it is no longer needed or used for the purpose for which it is granted, and

(iii) whether it would surrender the building on three months' notice in case the Government requires its relinquishment.

Resolution No. 34.—The Board agrees except with regard to condition (iii). The Board requests that the three months' notice be extended to six months.

VII

Memorandum No. 351-1 L., dated 18th July 1919.

	RS.
Estimated annual expenditure on the maintenance of the buildings	944
Interest at 3½ per cent on the sum of Rs. 12,450, the estimated expenditure to be initially incurred from Provincial funds for effecting improvements to the buildings... ...	436
Total ...	1,380

On further consideration, the Government think that the Tanjore District Board should pay a rent of Rs. 1,380 per annum as per details noted in the margin for the accommodation of the combined offices of the District Board and the District Board Engineer in the Opal Nayak's bunk. The President is requested to ascertain and report whether the District Board agrees to this condition.

(By order)

L. A. CAMMIADE,
Under Secretary to Government.

the Tanjore District Board.

Letter—from J. R. Hugg...
Board.
To—the Secretary to Government, Local ...
Dated—the 8th August 1919.
No.—R.C. 226/G. D.B. of 1917.

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 351–1 L., dated 18th July 1919, I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the District Board's Resolution No. 16, dated 2nd August 1919, agreeing to pay the rent of Rs. 1,380 per annum fixed by Government for the accommodation of the combined offices of the District Board and the District Board Engineer in the Opal Nayak's bunk.

ENCLOSURE

Extract from the Proceedings of the Tanjore District Board, dated the 2nd August 1919.

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Read correspondence ending with Government Memorandum No. 351–1 L., dated 18th July 1919, fixing a rent of Rs. 1,380 per annum for the accommodation of the combined offices of the District Board and the District Board Engineer in the Opal Nayak's bunk and requesting to ascertain and report if the District Board agrees to pay the above rent.

Resolution No. 16.—The Board agrees to pay the rent fixed by Government.

A. J. KING,
Vice-President.

Order—No. 1498 W., dated 11th November 1919.

In partial modification of G.O. No. 251 W., dated 18th February 1918, Opal Nayak's bunk will be given to the Tanjore District Board for the location of the combined offices of the District Board and the District Board Engineer, subject to the following conditions :—

	Rs.
Estimated annual expenditure on the maintenance of the building	944
Interest at 3½ per cent on the sum of Rs. 12,450, the estimated expenditure to be now incurred from Provincial funds for effecting the necessary improvements to the building.	436
Total ...	1,380

(1) That the Board should pay a rent of Rs. 1,380 per annum—vide details noted in the margin.

(2) That the building should be relinquished to Government (i) if and when it is no longer needed or used for the purpose for which it is granted, or (ii) if the Government require its relinquishment in which case six months' notice will be given.

2. The portions of the buildings referred to in paragraph 6 of the report accompanying the estimate should be conserved by the District Board and kept up free from decay or damage.

3. The plans and estimate amounting to Rs. 12,450 for improvements to Op Nayak's bunk are approved and forwarded to the Superintending Engineer Circle, for technical sanction, after obtaining the countersignatures of the ment Agent, and the President, District Board, and of the Super Archæological Survey.

4. The Superintending Engineer, VII Circle, is directed to see execution of this work the buildings No. 6 Opal Nayak's bunk and No. 1